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In Re: U.S. Patent Application of
BURNS PHILLIPS et al.

Application No. 10/613,646

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For: SURGICAL RETRACTOR CLAMP
CONNECTABLE TO AN ARM OF THE
RETRACTOR

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) Examiner: Annette R. Reimers
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SUMMARY OF APPLICANT-INITIATED INTERVIEW OF DECEMBER 18, 2006

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On December 18, 2006, the undersigned, Matthew J. Gryzlo, attorney for Applicants, conducted an interview with Examiner Annette R. Reimers. Applicants thank Examiner Reimers for the time spent to conduct this interview. The below summary constitutes the complete written statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and complies with MPEP § 713.04.

During the interview, Applicants' counsel and Examiner Reimers discussed all pending claims in reference to the cited prior art, i.e., Furnish (USPN 5,788,630) and Phillips US Pub No. 2002/0177754). Applicants' attorney explained that there is common ownership regarding the Phillips' publication, now USPN 6,736,775. Applicants' attorney further discussed that Applicants' invention has retractor blade connector head mount on the leg of the surgical retractor.

Examiner Reimers suggested that Applicants submit any amendments and remarks in a formal response and that she would take everything into consideration during her review of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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